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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

The intention of this letter is for me to go on record as being a supporter of the settlement that was reached between Microsoft and the Department of Justice. I was never supportive of the antitrust settlement against Microsoft in the first place, but am relieved to see that the lawsuit has been settled.

The government now has the ability to turn its attention to more pressing issues, and can stop wasting taxpayer dollars on the pursuit of Microsoft. Both sides involved have spent way too much time and money on this, and I hope that the settlement will be the answer that we need. The economy is in the dumps, and one thing that could have a positive affect on that is a healthy Microsoft. Microsoft has agreed to enhance its communication with competitors so that everyone in the industry will be able to produce a product that is compatible with Windows. This will enhance the market and stimulate the economy.

I support the settlement, and hope that it is approved as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Chris Bengtson

cc: Representative Barney Frank